

ABSTRACT

The invention provides a cleaning blade for removal of an untransferred toner remaining on the surface of an image bearing member. The cleaning blade comprises fine particles attached to the surface of at least a portion of the cleaning blade to come into contact with the image bearing member in an amount of attachment of 1 to 10 mg/cm². A nonionic surfactant is applied to the cleaning blade to attach fine particles to the surfactant-applied portion in an amount of 1 to 10 mg/cm², followed by drying.